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16 July 1955

MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director (Support)

SUBJECT : Air Conditioners for Windowless Rooms

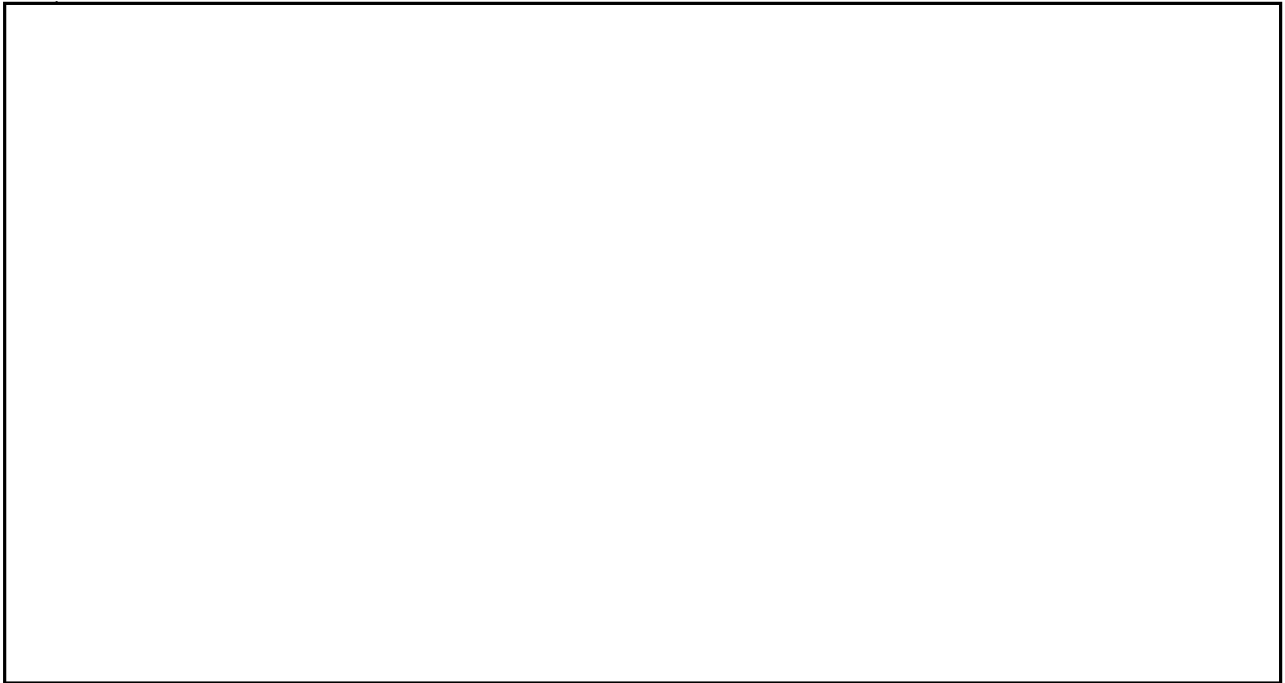
1. The memorandum of 17 June 1955 from the Acting ASA/DDS to the Deputy Director (Support), attached, was referred to this Office for an opinion on the propriety of expending Agency funds to procure air conditioning for four windowless rooms. These rooms were originally intended as storage space but present overcrowding requires their use for office purposes. It is further understood that the need for ventilation cannot be met by shifting available equipment because a type of equipment is required in these rooms which we do not presently have.

2. Under PL 763, 77th Congress (40 U.S.C.A. 317), as amended, there is no authority for the procurement of such equipment except by, and with the funds of, the General Services Administration. The General Accounting Office has expressed the view that windowless rooms are not outside the scope of the statute, and that they would be forced to take exception to any expenditure of CIA vouchered funds for this purpose.

3. We are advised by [] that, although no specific request has been made to the General Services Administration for the provision of the equipment here discussed, a communication within the last week from the General Services Administration (in connection with a CIA request for replacement of unrepairable equipment returned to GSA) stated that no air-conditioning equipment or funds for its purchase are presently available. We could, of course, join with the General Services Administration in requesting a specific appropriation from the Congress, but such a course would be awkward and would not assure timely provision of the needed equipment.

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